PAPERS OF THE CITY.

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR SUNDAY .- For the Middle States, falling barometer, except a temporary rise along the coast, increasing southeast to northeast winds and cloudiness. rising or stationary temperature, and possibly followed during the night by rain-areas. For the South Atlantic States, falling barometer, stationary or lower temperature, increasing northeast to southeast winds, threatening, rainy, and stormy weather.

THE WEATHER SATURDAY was clear, mild, and pleasant. THERMOMETER SATURDAY: 6 A. M., 48: A. M., 56; noon, 76; 3 P. M., 74; 6 P. M., 61; midnight, 55.

LOCAL MATTERS.

INTERESTING TO REGISTRARS. - Both houses of the General Assembly have passed a bill providing that registrars shall on the second Tuesday in May register all qualified voters who shall apply to be registered, commencing at sunrise and closing at sunset, and shall complete such registration that day. of the Code which provides that in cities the registrar may sit three days, &c. So in Richmond we will have only one day for registration, and election expenses thus boards. considerably lessened. Major Tanner succeeded in getting up the bill in the Senate Saturday, which had previously passed the House of Delegates.

WEEK'S REVIEW OF THE TOBACCO TRADE. - There was a considerable increase in the transactions in tobacco last week. Manufacturers are still buying but little and fancy leaf is not in great demand. The breaks at the Tobacco Exchange for

the week ending Saturday comprised 1,116 hogsheads, 36 tierces, and 19 boxes. The offerings at auction on 'Change consisted of 279 packages, of which 154 were and he loves them, "and they love one antaken in, and 125 sold. Prices during the week ranged at from \$1.50 to \$52.

At the Shockoe warehouse about 215,000 ounds of loose tobacco were sold. The highest price paid was \$11.25. At the Patrons warehouse about 30,000 pounds were sold. The highest price obtained was

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS .- Without transacting any business the stockholders of the James River and Kanawha canal adjourned over. They are waiting for something to turn up. A large quantity of tobacco, cotton, and other produce was awaiting delivery at the Danville depôt Saturday.

The alterations in the track of the street been completed, and much convenience is afforded to passengers changing cars at this point. There were no sales of loose tobacco Sat-

urday, and will be none to-day. A most agreeable soirée dansante was given at the pump-bouse Friday night, and Sidney gathered there her beauty and her chivalry.

A large quantity of straw, hay, hooppoles, and other forest products were received per canal Saturday. Judge Farrar lectures at Leigh-Street Baptist church Thursday night. The programme is a most attractive one.

A good quantity of assorted merchandise,

including many spring goods, were received per steamer Saturday. Lower Main street was crowded with factory hands Saturday, who were receiving

their pay, buying fish, and discussing political problems. There were a number of visitors to the State Library and General Assembly yester-

day. Many went on the Capitol roof, and there enjoyed a fine view of the surround-Ing country.
Several families, comprising sixteen

adults, arrived here Saturday from Pennsylvania in search of farms. They were taken in charge by Messrs. Chaffin, Staples & Co. and shown many desirable farms in Henrico and the adjoining counties. A complimentary concert will be given to-night by the Liederkranz Singing Society

to their director, Professor Dreher. The police commenced Saturday reporting unlicensed dogs and vehicles.

Justice Johnson fined several parties Saturday for disorderly conduct in the Second market during market hours. The merry sunshine of Saturday caused the birds on the Capitol Square to warble

their merriest notes. If the weather is as balmy this week as last, moonlight strolls on the Square and in

the parks will be quite popular. The Atlantic Coast Line is doing a large traffic both in freight and passengers. PERSONAL .- Among the visitors to the

Tobacco Exchange Saturday were J. Bolling, Henrico; T. V. Fry, Madison; H. A. Cady, Hanover; W. G. Williamson, Virginia; J. G. Powers, Greenway, Va.; A. W. Phelps, New York; J. B. Broadus, Fluvanna; and John T. Stovall, Danville. Robert W. Merrill, Esq., of the editorial in Richmond. Mr. Merrill is an accomplished journalist and a genial companion, and is cordially welcomed by the fra-

ternity. Colonel A. Shaw, superintendent of the Richmond and Petersburg railroad, is in attendance on the General Ticket Agents' Convention at Jacksonville, Fla. D. C. Richardson, clerk of the Police

Court, was at his desk Saturday for the first time in some days. Among the visitors to the city Saturday were Edgar Allan, of Farmville; M. L. Lloyd, of the United States revenue office,

Amelia Courthouse; and Chris. Quincy, of Petersburg. None of the telegrams or letters to northern and western papers about duelling in

Richmond and vicinity and opium-eating in Staunton, about which it seems great complaint is made, were written or sent by employés or attachés of this paper.

ANOTHER GOOD MAN GONE .- Mr. John S. West, a well-known merchant and farmer of Buckingham county, brother of Mr. A. L. West and father of Dr. G. W. and Mr. J. A. West, all of this city, died at his residence on Wednesday last. Many of the merchants and numerous other friends in this city will be deeply pained to know that they shall no more have the pleasure of meeting him in his accustomed visits here.

THE EXPORT TRADE. - The only clearance from the custom-house for the week ending Saturday was that of the brig Sarah and Emma, Hansen master, for Matanzas, Cuba, with 180,000 hoops, valued at \$4,500, shipped by Josiah Harris & Co. The Sarah and ing to attend them, combined with the issue | selves with temperance organizations. The | tained them was swept away, together with

SALE OF THE ENQUIRER.—The type, type-cases, presses, imposing-table, stones, &c., lately used in the late Richmond Enquirer. was sold Saturday at 12 o'clock M., under an order of the City Circuit Court, by High-Constable Thomas L. Whiting. The presses were knocked out to H. L. Pelouze, Esq., and the other property to various parties. The property sold very cheap.

OPENING OF THE SUMMER COURSE OF Lectures.—Professor William H. Taylor opens \$1,800; Clerk to Police Justice, \$900; Suther summer of the Summer Course of Lectures. the summer course of lectures at the Medi-cal College to-morrow at 9 o'c'ock A. M. no fellow will consent to be called a politician. cal College to-morrow at 9 o'c'ock A. M. | no fell

DAILY DISPATCH

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Notes of Preparation for the Spring Campaign.

THE COMING STRUGGLE.

THE STATESMAN ABROAD—HE CALLS UPON THE CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE-THE OF-FICES TO BE FILLED AND WHAT THEY ARE WORTH-THE COUNCILMEN AND THE TEST QUESTIONS.

Two months and a balf in advance of the May election quite a lively canvass has be-Aspirants are acting upon the theory that it is the early candidate who catches the voter. The average citizen, whether he seats himself in a barber's chair, or stops to buy a roast from his butcher, or goes to purchase a cigar, or takes a glass of beer, finds staring him in the facestuck into the frame of the mirror or tacked upon the wall, or fixed in the show-case—cards announcing that so and so are candidates for such and such offices. It seems to be a fine season for the jobprinters. Their biggest type and choicest colored card-boards have been brought into furnished with two billiard-tables and one well as the attention given by Mr. Whitrequisition. A few weeks ago the candidates were content with cards of the timehonored size, but some one, fearing perhaps that his name would be overlooked if so modestly given to the public, resorted to larger cards and bolder type. Since then a rivalry has been going on with the object, it would seem, to ascertain which candidate can send out the largest card. Allowing that the cards will continue to increase in size with past speed till The effect of the bill is to repeal the clause the day of election, we may reasonably expect to see them in May grown to dimensions too big for mirrors-too big for anything short of Billy Wade's bill-posting

How much of happiness, what cups of sorrow, those cards presage, we dare not suggest. Some who seem now to have a mooth road before them may ere long, forgetting the intricacies and uncertainties of politics, see themselves stumbling and fallng. Others may find their paths growing smoother and smoother as they advance. But all are doomed to trials and vexations,

more or less. The city "statesman " is already waking from his slumber. He is a man who (metaphorically) carries his ward in his pocket. He knows all "the boys." They love him, other" (in the language of a popular burlesque), and fearful is his wrath towards an enemy; wonderful, indeed, his devotion circumstances conspire to attract where his affection to a candidate. He comes forth with the budding of the trees and the greening of the grass. He mingles his cheerful whistle with the notes of the delight to make the acquaintance of the candidate. Forms are nothing to him. Letters

of introduction are not necessary. He is gay and good-natured, generally a ready talker, sometimes serviceable, often other-The alterations in the track of the street as not, may find him knocking at the door railway at Broad and Adams streets have of his residence by daybreak, or may be stopped by him as he hurries to church, or stumble upon him at the back door of his office, whither he has gone in a vain effort to flank him. Once the candidate's card is sent.

Old Market Saturday there was, as usual, a structed on a considerable part of the distance to aid in its maintenance. A layer of the bed was rounded out, giving a better chandral than before. forth, each "statesman" considers himself invited to share his hospitality, and will not be angry when in those moments of supreme satisfaction and amiable confidence the candidate offers to divide his currency with him, or slings out a \$5-note and tells him to

go to -- 's and buy a new spring hat. Now bursting out of the environments of the "statesman," leaping over the rough hurdle of the primary election, dashing past the final conflict at the regular election, the prophetic eye of the candidate ranges and rests upon the reward of his labors-vulgarly called loaves and fishes, or pay.

The City Council recently gave a ten- or fifteen-per-cent. whack at the city officials. The Legislature is pursuing the same plan, only with sterner and fiercer determination to retrench, and places once regarded as have been necessarily put into the " fat " ranks of the "lean" kind. The reduced pay will commence with the new term, 1st

of July.

OFFICES TO BE FILLED BY PEOPLE. Mayor .- The salary of this officer two years ago was \$2,500. The Council cut it Under the general retrenchment bill lately passed by the Council it will be after 1st July only \$1,350 per annum. So far as at present appears Mayor Carrington has no

opposition. Auditor .- Pay, \$2,040. Mr. J. B. Royster incumbent. Commissioner of the Revenue.-R. B.

Munford incumbent. Fees, five eighths of one per centum on assessments. Both of above incumbents are candidates for reëlection. No opposition has yet appeared.

High Constable .- Fees-The present incumbent, Mr. T. L. Whiting, is a candidate for reelection. The office is regarded as a first rate one; as good as any here probably. The other candidates are C. T. Binford, S. H. Cornick, A. B. Duesberry, John E. Epps, and George F. Norton.

City Sergeant .- Fees-This has in times gone by been a very fine office. Some years ago the average number of prisoners was from 125 to 150. The pay for them was once fifty cents per day, and is now 40, while the present average of prisoners staff of the Philadelphia North American, is about 90. The bill which has passed availing himself of this pleasant weather for the Senate and is now being cona trip to the South, is spending a few days sidered by the House abolishes imprisonment for many petty offences, and reduces pay for prisoners to twenty-five cents per day. If the Sergeant is required to keep the present number of deputies, which Judge Guigon said was indispensable, the protits, if anything, will be trifling. Captain James M. Tyler is a candidate for reëlection. The others in the field are F.

W. Chamberlayne, John H. Claiborne, W. . Gentry, N. M. Lee, Samuel Maccubbin, . T. Moore, and W. W. Phillips. [On Saturday night the House amended the Senate bill revising the criminal laws so as to allow the Judge of the Hustings Court, with the consent of the City Council, to make a suitable allowance for the Sergeant's deputies. That improves prospects

considerably.] Commonwealth's Attorney .- Captain George D. Wise is the present incumbent. There is some prospect that there will be more than one candidate for this office, but no public announcements have yet been

City Collector .- Fees: Seven-eighths of one per cent. on collections. Mr. Aylett R. Woodson is a candidate for reëlection. Mr. John F. Regnault, who preceded Mr. Woodson in the office, is also a candidate. Sheriff .- John W. Wright. Fees: Here

the pay is very moderate, the bond very big, and the incumbent very formidable. At the time the above offices are chosen all the members of the Common Council and one half of the members of the Board triarch of the State of Virginia. Both of Aldermen will be elected. The question speakers dwelt at length on the influence of voting sufficient money-supplies to keep the free-schools going the full term, and to endeavored to show the importance of make ample provision for all children wish- members of the Church connecting them- ly afterwards the building which had con-There were no imports for the week, and no vessels entered to load for foreign ports.

about making the city pay property-owners where their property is damaged by change of street-grades, will, with the wide-prevail-

OFFICERS ELECTED BY COUNCIL.

Besides, the Council elects a large number of officers, and aspirants for these will naturally, not to say patriotically, desire to have ceeds will be devoted to a benevolent obtheir friends in the Council. The list of ject, and there will doubtless be large auoffices to be filled by the Council are as fol- diences.

RICHMOND, VA., MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 11, 1878.

perintendent of Gas-Works, \$1,620; Gas Inspector, \$1,850; Superintendent Water-Works, \$1,620; Chief of the Fire Department, \$900; Superintendent of the Almshouse, \$1.125; City Clerk, \$1,800; Sergeantat-Arms of Council, \$1,350; Clerk of First Market, \$1,575; Clerk of Second Market, \$1.575; Superintendent Fire-Alarm, \$1,350. There are a number of other officesmostly paid by means of fees-which are filled by the City Council.

OPENING OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB. ROOMS-AN ELEGANT ESTABLISHMENT-OF-FICERS AND MANAGERS .- The Commercial Club of Richmond will formally open their elegant rooms in the Richmond House, on the northeast corner of Governor and Ross

streets, this evening.

The Commercial Club has been very recently incorporated by act of the General Assembly. Among the incorporators are the first wholesale merchants of the city. interests of the wholesale trade, to enterabroad, and to cuitivate a first-class social feeling among the merchants of Virginia. On the first floor are the billiard-rooms, nished with Collender's patent cushions.

are situated the reading-room and room for time will be as well known to shipmasters the meetings of the officers, both of which and merchants as the Clyde and other great are carpeted and papered in the newest de- thoroughfares that have been made by caresigns, and furnished in first-class style.

joining the parlor is the room in which whist, backgammon, and other innocent games will be played. This room is fur- railroads. nished with the same regard for taste, comfort, and convenience that marks the entire establishment. It should have been mentioned that the parlor was furnished with a plane, where the nimble-fingered merchants and their friends can amuse themselves with a concord of sweet sounds after the cares and turmoils of the busy day are over. The carpets were furnished by George

W. Anderson & Sons, the parlor furniture the city November 1, and was continued W. W. Vaughan, the library furniture Stacy, the hat-rack and card-tables by William Nichol, the chandeliers and gasfitting by John Bowers, and the curtains by Levy Brothers.

All of the painting and papering is new and of the most beautiful description. The entire establishment reflects credit upon the were employed in September, and all the wholesale merchants, and will compare favorably with any similar establishment in the South. That the club will be producblue-birds. It is now his chiefest desire and tive of great good, both in a business and been widened to 100 feet and the full depth of social point of view, cannot be doubted.

The following are the officers: John P. Yancey, president; Claiborne Watkins. vice-president; John M. Nowlin, secretary; E. D. Taylor, treasurer ; Myer Heller, O. wise-always ready to discuss the situation M. Marshall, J. D. Crump, Henry Bodeker, over a glass of beer. The candidate, likely W. E. Cardozo, W. H. Weisiger, and

> The prices below given were there taken, the New Market.

sweet potatoes, carrots, parsnips, lettuce, radishes, onions, &c., sold cheap. pound, according to quality; eggs from 10 being 18 feet deep. East of the deeper channel, which had been recently dredged, to 12½c. per dozen; dressed and live poultry at 50 to 60c. per pair; turkeys and geese at 100 feet, with 14 feet depth. This channel for navigation. Below this to the end of the at 50 to 60c. per pair; turkeys and geese at per pound-no prime butter in market. Roe fresh cod 6 to 8c. per pound; herring 40c.

per dozen; perch 20c. per bunch; oysters 75c, per gallon. There was a good supply of apples, oranges, canned- and dried-fruit. A considerable amount of money was in circula- Richmond bar when the work was intertion, and the buyers were numerous. The market-men are not bigoted on the currency question, and receive either hard or soft money in exchange for their goods or in

cancellation of past obligations. Owing to the good weather some vegetable-dealers express the hope of having green peas, asparagus, tomatoes, and other down to \$1,500 before the last election. spring luxuries earlier than usual this season.

CONVEYANCES OF REAL ESTATE FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 9, 1878 .- Lots fronting: 14 feet on Broad street corner Madison for \$1.050; 30 feet on Fifth street for \$125; 20 feet on Broad street between Smith and Munford for \$900; 51 feet on First street corner Cary for \$4,000; 66 feet on Grace street between Madison and Monroe for \$4,100; 34 feet on Thirtieth street between Clay and Leigh for \$855; 93 feet on Fourth street corner Baker for \$250; - feet on First street between Leigh and Jackson for \$434; 25 feet on Seventh street for \$1,050; 17 feet on Q street corner Twenty-fifth for \$255; 20 feet on Twenty-fifth street for \$36; 445 feet on Main street between Seventeenth and Eighteenth for \$1,800; 50 feet on Marshall street near Eighteenth for \$125; 25 feet on Clay street between Second and Third, 26 feet on Clay street corner Third, and 191 feet on Cary street between Thirteenth and Virginia for -; 25 feet on Clay street between Second and Third, and 30 feet on Grace street between Second and Third for -; 60 feet on Grace street corner Henry, 20 5-12 feet on Clay street between Seventh and Eighth, and 25 1-6 feet on Fifth street between Duval and Baker for -; 32 feet on Leigh street between First and St. James for \$57; 20 feet on Dock street near Seventeenth for -; 25 feet on Twenty-ninth street corner O for \$100; 86 feet on Twelfth street between Clay and Leigh for \$752.

INTERNAL-REVENUE COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK .- The amount of United States internal revenue collected for the past week was \$30,414.02—as follows: Monday, \$5,-241.63; Tuesday, \$6,579.79; Wednesday, \$4,352.49; Thursday, \$3,645.96; Friday, \$3,642.96; Saturday, \$6,142.39. This is an increase of \$742.22 on the amount reported for the week ending March 2d, when it was \$29,671.80.

THE BALL OPENED .- Saturday morning the first game of the season of base-ball was Richmond College Club and Franklin-Street picked nine, resulting in a score of 36 to 19 tween two picked nines respectively from Church and Shockoe Hills, was played on the flats in the evening.

TEMPERANCE MEETING .- A temperance meeting was held night before last at Christ church under the auspices of Springfield Division, Sons of Temperance. The audience was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Schaeffer and H. A. Atkinson, Grand Worthy Pathe moderate drinker had on society, and for registering the height had to be re-

ing desire to serve in the city legislature, MARK'S CHURCH.—Next Monday and Tuesinsure an animated contest in nearly all the day nights Dr. Taylor will give two entertainments at St. Mark's lecture-room. The scenes will be from "The Holy Land" and

> Demorest's What to Wear and How to Make It, for spring and summer, and Dem- 16.40 feet; water-mark by Mr. Bennett.

THE RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

Annual Report of Mr. H. D. Whitcomb, Engineer of the Work.

OPERATIONS ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF JAMES RIVER DURING THE PAST YEAR-PROGRESS OF THE WORK-CONDITION OF THE DREDGES AND OTHER MACHINERY-ABOUT THE FRESHETS; HEIGHT OF THE WATER AT VARIOUS POINTS-THE EF-FECTS OF THE NOVEMBER AND PRECE-DING FRESHETS-THE WING-DAMS-PRE-SENT CONDITION OF THE CHANNEL-COST OF COMPLETING THE WORK, &c., &c.

The annual report of Mr. H. D. Whitcomb, Engineer of James-River Improvement, for the year 1877, with an accompanying map of James river from Richmond The objects of the Club are to promote the to Burwell's bay, has been forwarded to Hon. W. C. Carrington, Mayor of the city, tain their patrons and merchants from who will report the same to the City Council. The report is one of much interest, both on account of the statements concerning the condition of lower James river as pool-table. These rooms are furnished in comb to the heavy freshets of October the most handsome manner. The tables are and November last. The committee say from the celebrated factory of J. M. Bruns- that the commerce on the river is wick & Balke, of Cincinnati, and are fur- steadily increasing; large vessels are seeking cargoes here. The improvement is On the second floor in the eastern wing gradually being understood, and in a short ful and intelligent engineering. The num-The parlor on the opposite side is a mar- ber of vessels arriving and departing from vel of elegance-the carpets, chandelier, this port was 1,473-steamers, 570; sail, curtains, and furniture being all of the most | 903. Of this number vessels carrying 175,costly pattern. This room when lighted 435 tons entered at Chesapeake and Ohio up will present a beautiful appearance. Ad- | wharves, and vessels carrying 50,096 tons at Richmond and Danville Railroad wharvesa decided increase in the business of both

MR. WHITCOMB'S REPORT. The Engineer sets out with a statement n regard to the appropriations of 1876 made by the United States, and how the money

was expended. The city resumed work on March 1, 1877. Two dredges, one tug, and one dumpingmachine were employed from that time until September 30. Work was resumed by until the close of the year. The United States continued to work the machines for drilling and removing rock, one dredge, the pile-driver, and one steam-tug until Avgust, when the rock-machines were sent to Petersburg for work on the Appomattox. One dredge, the pile-driver, and the tug

dredges in October. The channel from Rocketts reef to the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad wharves has 18 feet at high tide, except at one point near the Fire-Brick wharf, where a ledge of rock on the western side has but 15 feet. This obstruction is short, and will be removed the wharves. Between the Chesapeake and Old Market Saturday there was, as usual, a structed on a considerable part of the disboulders was found in the lower part of the nel than before. but there was but little if any difference at channel, and it is probable that the two feet yet to be excavated contains a large per-

> rupted by freshets. AMOUNT OF WORK DONE. The Engineer gives a detailed account of the work done during the year. We use his totals: Number of cubic yards of earth removed by the United States, 12,483; rock, .7304. By the city, 63,916 cubic yards of earth and 98 cubic yards of rock. In addition to the above, the James River and Kanawha Company removed from the entrance to the ship-lock 6.240 cubic yards of sand and mud and 3 cubic yards of boulders, and the Old Dominion Steamship Company 876 cubic yards of sand and mud. Inited States constructed 4,069 lineal feet of wing-dams. The United States has also made a new survey of the river from the ship-lock to below Warwick bar, and surveys of Kingsland's reach, Varina reach,

and Harrison's bar. The expenditures on the part of the city

were as follows:	LIBRA ES
Wages of employees	1,509 97 121 05 728 93 14 88
Coal	1,184 51
Öll Sundries	157 23
Printing Eugineeriug	2,400 00
	417 518 01

Received from rent of pile-driver, \$10. The city owns two steam-tugs, three dredges, two dumping-machines, a piledriver, seven decked scows, and two good working order. The tug Somers needs painting and the addition of a donkey-engine pump, and the bull leaks somewhat. The rest of the machinery is in fair condition.

THE FRESHETS. The river below the falls was closed by river below the falls was nearly clear of ice, quantities of ice, which gorged in places was moved to safe positions, but later in the day both steam-tugs were caught at the played at the College grounds, between the wharves by ice and detained all the succeeding night. The several machines were left by the ice at various points from three to in favor of the latter. Another game be- thirty miles below the city. The machines were recovered by the 29th, not seriously injured. The rise of this freshet was 7 and areas at all the points he has been able feet above mean high tide, some of the rise to measure accurately since the flood as being due to the ice-gorge below.

May 9th a small rise of 27 feet occurred. October 5th a rise of 101 feet occurred. Nevember 9th a rise of 71 feet occurred. THE GREAT FLOOD.

November 25th, a great flood occurred. The river began to rise about 3 A. M. on the 24th, and reached its maximum height about 9 P. M. on the 25th. The apparatus moved on the night of the 24th, and shortall the buildings used as laboratory and the area is one and a half per cent. less, a storehouses by the United States.

this flood reached were measured at several places, and were as follows: Rocketts (below Gillie's creek), 25.30 feet; water-mark in drug-store. Richmond bar, lower end, 22.58 feet;

Warwick bar crest, 20.05 feet; water- tions) a fixed and permanent depth within water-mark on hillside. mark on hillside. Drury's Bluff landing, 18.52 feet; watermark on hillside.

Kingsland's reach near Bennett's wharf, orest's Portfolio of Fashions, received Upper end of Dutch Gap cut-off, 14.54 the river to the other. from Ellyson & Yancey, 1112 Main street. feet; water-mark by Mr. Allen. The Engineer also s

Lower end of Dutch Gap cut-off, 12.39 | port a profile of the river-bed in its channe eet; water-mark by Mr. Allen. Varina wharf, 10.64 feet; water-mark by

Mr. Aiken. City Point, 2.20 feet; water-mark by Mr. Westover wharf, 1.82 feet; water-mark

The height of this flood at Rocketts was

if feet above the arrow on the monument

marking the height of the flood of 1870. The latter is stated to have been 24 feet ; inches above high tide. By the recent measurement this arrow is 23 feet 75 inches and probably more for maintenance, and it above present mean high tide -a difference of 44 inches. In 1870 the height of high tide was not as accurately known as it is now, from continuous observations since that time; but it is not unreasonable to expect an increase in the beight of high tide from the deepening of the channel. The current having less resistance flows with greater velocity, and meeting an impassable barrier in the falls may pile up higher. This discrepancy is mentioned in order to prevent a misunderstanding in the future. The flood was 1 6-10 feet higher at Belle Isle than that of 1870, and at the waterworks and several other points above the height was about 14 feet above that of 1870. This should be sufficient proof, if any is needed, that the wing-dams below Richmond did not add sensibly to the height of the water. Through the courtesy of Mr. Robert Gordon, civil engineer in the employment of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company, I have, says Mr. Whitcomb, the height of the flood at severa points covering four miles above the Richmond and Danville railroad bridge. In this distance the stope of the surface appears to have averaged 15 52-100 feet per mile. THE HIGHEST FLOOD OF WHICH THERE IS

RECORD. This was the highest flood in this part of the river of which we have an accurate record; for it is incredible that the monument at Turkey island, thirty miles below Richmond, marks the height of the flood of 1771. It is reported to be about forty-five feet above tide, while the recent flood was probably not over seven feet at that place. have recently learned that the flood of 771 at Bremo Bluff, sixty-seven miles above Richmond, was just about the height of that of 1870. In the recent flood the height was two feet less at Bremo Bluff, but at Maiden's Adventure was several inches higher

The effect of this and preceding freshets on the channel is then stated at length by the Engineer. The entrance to the shiplock and the channel in front of the Old Dominion Steamship Company was reduced in depth. From this point to the lower end of Drury's island there was no appreciable change in the channel. Opposite the lower end of Drury's island, for about 400 feet, the dredged channel was shoaled so that for a short distance there were but 144 feet depth. The apparent cause for this is that the flood poured a great volume of water over the dikes at the head of the island, and also over the low-grounds opposite and when the further deepening of Rocketts to the east of this point; and a similar effect reef gives a greater depth than 15 feet to may be produced at any succeeding similar flood, unless levees are constructed at these Ohio railroad wharves and Goode's rock a points, which will more completely confine channel 70 feet wide has been excavated to the water to the channel. On the upper CURRENT RATES FOR CULINARIES.—At the channel 70 feet wide has been excavated to the depth of 16 feet, and wing-dams concluded the depth of 16 feet, and wing-dams concluded the depth of th

The lower part of the bar was considerably

Vegetables, kale, cabbage, Irish and centage of this material. A channel 100 scoured, and has 18 feet depth for 50 feet feet wide, with a minimum depth of width, and sixteen for 160 feet width. There 162 feet at high tide, has been completed was a scour of 18 feet on Randolph's flats, Fresh meat sold at from 8 to 15c. per through Goode's rock, the greater part but not in the direct channel. The direct 10 to 12 c. per pound; butter 20 and 25c. has been in use since June, and is a great shoal there was a great scour, and on the improvement in direction and depth at this lower 500 feet there are from 182 to 20 feet tinguished alike for the beauty of his life shad \$1.25 per pair, buck shad 75c. per pair; point. Wing-dams have been constructed, in depth for about 200 feet in width where contracting the width of the river, on in 1874 there were but 131 feet, and as late Richmond bar, Randolph's flats, and part as 1876 but little over 14 feet. For perhaps votion as a husband and a father; thereof Warwick bar, and a channel 96 by 16 1,000 feet above and below the wingfeet dredged through the two latter shoals. dam on the crest of Warwick bar we have A channel was nearly completed through a channel 18 feet deep, and opposite the dam, where we were dredging to get 16 feet | their veneration for his character, their love in the middle of November, there are 25 feet depth for 120 feet width, and 18 feet for a respect for his career which has just closed width of 380 feet. The shoal in Kingsland's reach was increased in length, and there community. was one sounding on it in the usual track of vessels, showing only 134 feet. The river is 1,100 feet wide here, 300 feet wider than it is immediately above and below, but this was not the cause of this increase in the shoal. Just above the river bends suddenly to the left, and just below it again bends as suddenly to the right. In the November flood the river overflowed its banks, and a great volume poured across the elbow, reaching the river below in about three-fifths of the distance around. The effect was to fill up the water lower down, and to slacken the current in the river between the points. Naturally a deposit was made where the velocity was reduced. The remedy is to build a levee to prevent this waste, and then to regulate the width of the river.

In Trent's Reach the channel was 10 feet. As this shoal is avoided by Dutch Gap cutoff, no effort has been made to deepen the channel. The river below Dutch Gap has not been examined since freshet. The effect of freshets on the channel have been good. They have widened and deepened it except at a few points, and the shoals left by the November flood were removed in twentyfive days' work of three dredges. PRESENT CONDITION OF THE CHANNEL.

The channel over Rocketts reef remains essentially as at the date of the last annual report. It is somewhat wider than then, but dumping-scows. The tug Craigbill is in 14 feet is all that can be carried to the wharves of the city at mean high tide. It will require six months' work of the machinery to open a channel to 18 feet depth. Below the reef the depth is generally 16 feet and over; but the available depth-that is, the depth for a minimum width, say 50 feet on Richmond bar and Randolph's flats-is ice on the 3d of January last, and remained 154 feet, the bottom being of sand. In closed until the 10th, when the Old Do- spring tides they are usually 5 inches more, minion steamship Wyanoke forced a passage and in neap tides 5 inches less, than to the wharves. The ice in the channel was this; and during high westerly winds the about six inches thick. On the 13th the depth at high-tide may be 12 feet less than these. There has been a gain of at least and the machines were towed to their posi- one foot in depth of channel below Rocktions to resume work. A rise in the river etts reef during the year. The shoals occurred on the 15th, bringing down large which have less than sixteen feet are short, and could all be removed to a practicable below the ship-lock. Most of the machinery | width by our dredges in two weeks' time; but experience proves that any channel dredged in sand or other material now moved by freshets will be filled by succeeding freshets unless a corresponding cortraction of the water-way is made. The Engineer also gives in his report in-

teresting tables showing the widths, depths, they were in 1874 before contraction; also widths and areas after contraction, and the present area and depths. In June last it was estimated that about 225,000 cubic yards had been scoured from between the wingdams, and the recent freshets have very largely increased this, perhaps have doubled it. At some of the more recently-built dams there may be further scour in future freshets, but the area on the upper part of Richmond bar has not raised two per cent. since last January. On the crest of the channel is one foot deeper than then, but The heights above mean high tide that compensating for the increased depth in the

CONCLUSION. From these experiments on the effect of contraction we are encouraged to expect \$2.50 quarts, \$1.25 pints-kept by SNELLING, at that with a proper width of river (to be his Cafe, 915 Bank street. fully determined by successive approximareasonable limits can be maintained over the shoals, and for a depth of 18 feet at high ide this width need not be less than 500 feet at any point, and this minimum only where the channel passes from one side of

The Engineer also submits with his re-

NO. 60 for ninety-three miles below Richmond, and shows what a small percentage of the river below Warwick bar needs improvement to make it even twenty feet at low tide. To what extent the improvement of the river should ultimately be carried may be safely eft to be decided by the governing demands of commerce. I see no reason, says Mr. Whitcomb, why a depth of twenty feet at low tide may not be maintained to the wharves of the city. Such a depth would cost more than that proposed in the outset would require a narrower section, but cer-

The last estimate for completing the improvement to Harrison's bar, with a depth of eighteen feet, was \$250,000. POLICE COURT .- Acting Justice Crutch field disposed of the following cases Satur-

tainly not more in either of these items

than has been done elsewhere. The Engi-

regard on the Clyde by the city of Glasgow.

neer refers to what has been done in this

William Dorsey (colored), charged with stealing a pair of pants, a pair of boots, and a watch from Charles W. Linman, was found guilty of petit larceny and sent to the chain-gang for six months, with thirty lashes added.

Samuel Fields (colored) was sent on to the grand jury on the charge of stealing a lot of law-books valued at \$200, the property of R. T. Daniel. Another case of larceny against Fields

was dismissed. Julian Isnach was sent to jail for ten days in default of security for his good be-Ann Brown, charged with drunkenness,

vas sent to the almshouse. Moses Braxton, charged with assault on Robert Scott, was discharged. POLICE PICKINGS .- The following arrests

ere reported Saturday night at the First District station-house: Alice Jones (colored) for stealing a sheet from Ann Carrington, and Albert Ragland (colored) for disor derly conduct in the First market. At the Second District station-house: Sal

y Howard and Julia Williams (colored) for stealing iron from the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company, and Vincent Cousins and William Skines for stealing iron from Isbon Benedict. At the Third District station-house: Mar-

garet Jackson (colored) for stealing \$16 in currency from Mrs. C. A. Baldwin. A RUMOR OF AN ACCIDENT on the Richmond and Danville railroad reached this

city Saturday. It amounted to nothing serious. The train which left Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock ran over a cow and threw the front truck of the second-class car off. The northern-bound train made connection. The southern train was delayed until an engine could be brought from Pelham to help to put the car on the track. No one hurt. HARNESS RECOVERED .- Policeman Elijah

P. Hulce succeeded Saturday in recovering a dozen additional sets of harness, the property of Mr. John O'Brien, and one fine set of buggy harness made to order for that gentleman. This property was stolen by James O'Neill, now in jail awaiting the action of the grand jury.

Humane Association March 4th.

Whereas it has pleased God in the inscrutable manifestation of His will and wisdom to take from the sphere of his usefulness and from the friends who loved him so dearly the Rev. Dr. Woodbridge, rector of the Monumental church, and for many years one of the trustees of this institution; and whereas our departed friend was disas a Christian, his purity as a citizen, his fidelity and courage as a pastor, and his de-

Resolved, That the Female Humane As ociation of Richmond do hereby express for him personally, their admiration and amid the profound sorrow of this whole Resolved, That this institution, which

was so close to his heart as the home of the orphan, feels and acknowledges the great loss it has sustained in his death, not only as a trustee, but in the love and tenderness with which he as a man of God has visited it, giving sympathy and counsel to those in harge of it, as well as to the children. Resolved, That we tender the heartfelt ympathy of the society to Mrs. Woodoridge, who was so long one of us-first as lirectress, and afterwards as our acceptable and honored president.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on the records of this Association, and a copy thereof be sent, properly certified, to the family of the deceased.

Mrs. J. L. BACON, President. Mrs. L. C. TRENT, Secretary.

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By order of the W. M.

nh 11-1t WM. LOVENSTEIN, Secretary.

MEETINGS.

FORESTERS.—A stated communication of COURT VIRGINIA. No. 1, will be held in Schiller Hall, on Broad between Sixth and Seventh streets, on THIS (Monday) EVENING at 8 o'clock. Every member is expected to be present, as the bylaws are to be considered and acted upon. Candidates will be prompt in their attendance.

By order of the W. C. R.

R. SAMUEL DENNY,
Secretary.

LECTURES. ECTURE.

JUDGE F. R. FARRAR (JOHNNY REB), the ever-popular Lecturer, will deliver a lecture at LEIGH-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH THURSDAY EVENING, March 14th.

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CITY SERGEANT. The undersigned respectfully anno mees himself a andidate for re-election to this office. JAMES M. TYLEB. mh 5-tde

TOHN H. CLAIBORNE, MAY ELECTION, 1878.
solicits the suffrages of his fellow-citizens and pledges honest and faithful discharge of duty.
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TOHN F. REGNAULT FOR OFFICE OF

fe 6-W&M2m4 at election in May. 1879. CHARLES T. BINFORD,

HIGH-CONSTABLE, at election to be held in May, 1878.

I am a caudidate for re-election to the office of HIGH CONSTABLE of the city of Richmond, subject to the primary election. THOMAS L. WHITING, P. C. C. R. fe 12-M&W6w

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